THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. The products of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant have earned appreciation for their quality both in the domestic as well as international markets. The production of saleable steel during the last three years is as under:—

Year	(In '000 tonnes)
1991-92	517
1992-93	879
1993-94	1184

(b) The amount spent on salaries etc. and the number of Workers and Officers during the last three years is as under:—

Year	Workers		Officers	
	Salaries (Rs. in crores)	Number	Salaries (Rs. in crores)	Number
1991-92	40.61	14322	14.30	2334
1992-93	50.22	15170	17.68	2284
1993-94	58.63	15202	20.65	2281

(c) The details of quantity of steel sold in the domestic market and exported during the last three years are as under:—

(Qty. in '000 tonnes)

Year	Domestic market	Export market	Total quantity of steel sold
1991-92	447	2	449
1992-93	503	264	767
1993-94 (Prov.)	826	406	1232

(d) Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, with most modern technologies in some of the areas, at an estimated cost of Rs. 8529 crores, have been commissioned only on 1st August, 1992. The various production facilities of the plant are in the process of stabilisation to achieve its rated capacity.

भारतीय इस्पात प्राधिकरण लिमिटेड में उत्पादन

6144. **श्रीमती चन्द्रिका अभिनन्दन जैन** : क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1993 के दौरान भारतीय इस्पात प्राधिकरण लिमिटेड (सेल) में इस्पात का अनुमानित उत्पादन कितना हुआ ;

(ख) उक्त अवधि में भारतीय इस्पात प्राधिकरण, लिमिटेड द्वारा किए गए निर्यात और देश में की गई बिक्री का मूल्य कितना-कितना है ; और

(ग) इस वर्ष के दौरान भारतीय इस्पात प्राधिकरण लिमिटेड द्वारा कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित की गयी और पिछले वर्ष की तुलना में इसमें कितनी वृद्धि हुई है ?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष मोहन देव) : (क) कैलेन्डर वर्ष

1993 के दौरान स्टील अथारिटी आफ इंडिया लिमिटेड ने (इस्को सहित) 84.94 लाख टन विक्रय इस्पात का उत्पादन किया।

(ख) और (ग) कैलेन्डर वर्ष 1993 के दौरान सेल द्वारा (इस्को सहित) विक्रय इस्पात की घरेलू बिक्री लगभग 73.62 लाख टन (अनन्तिम) की गई।

कैलेंडर वर्ष 1992 की तुलना में 1993 के दौरान "सेल" द्वारा इस्पात का किया गया निर्यात और अर्जित विदेशी मुद्रा इस प्रकार है :—

मद	1993 (हजार टन)	मूल्य/अर्जित विदेशी मुद्रा (करोड रुपए)	1992 की तुलना में वृद्धि प्रतिशत
विक्रय इस्पात . .	605.6	486.8	247 प्रतिशत
स्टेनलैस स्टील . .	6.0	37.1	59 प्रतिशत

Problems in Modernisation of Durgapur Steel Plant

6145. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that modernisation of SAIL's Durgapur Steel Plant has run into serious problems with Tiajpromexport of the erstwhile Soviet Union failing to execute the contract;

(b) if so, in what other way the modernisation is proposed to be finalised; and

(c) what would be the increased cost of modernisation because of the breach of contract on the part of TPE?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. A part of the modernisation of Durgapur Steel Plant (DSP) has been delayed due to M/s. Tiajpromexport (TPE) failing to implement the contract within the time limits and cost estimates.

(b) SAIL|DSP have taken several steps including financial assistance to M|s. TPE in terms of adhoc adjustable advances, direct payment to its sub-vendors etc. to enable them to complete the balance jobs expeditiously. The contrtct for reconstruction of Blast Furnace No. 4 by TPE led consortium is being restructured incorporating therein revised responsibility matrix for the consortium members to ensure expeditious completion. In addition substantial quantity of equipment originally in the scope of TPE is being procured by DSP directly.

(c) SAIL|DSP are examining the claims of TPE and other consortium members in consultation with the consultants, M|s. MECON, DSP has also to incur expenditure or responsibilities taken over from TPE. The total impact of cost increase on this account will be known only after indepth examination of the claims and other related issues and completion of balance jobs now expected to be over by June 1995.

Cost of Russian Electric Rope Shovel and Hydraulic Excavator

6146. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the exact details of the land cost of Russian Electric Rope Shovel